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1. IN CAPE TOWN SPEECHES SEPT. 7-8 (REFTEL) CHIEF GATSHA BUTHELEZI INJECTED HIMSELF DIRECTLY INTO WHITE POLITICS BY CALLING ON WHITES TO REEXAMINE THEIR POLITICAL LEADERSHIP TO AVOID THREATENED CIVIL WAR SITUATION.

2. HARRY PITMAN, MP FOR DURBAN NORTH AND NATAL LEADER OF PROGRESSIVE REFORM PARTY, STATED SEPT. 13 THAT HE ACCEPTED BUTHELEZI'S VIEW THAT THERE IS A LIMIT TO THE EXTENT ONE COULD COOPERATE WITH AN INFLEXIBLE SYSTEM WHILE REMAINING PART OF IT. SPEAKING TO ANNUAL MEETING OF NATAL INLAND PRP REGION, PITMAN SAID HE COULD ENVISAGE POSSIBILITY OF WALK-OUT BY OPPOSITION MP'S, BUT THAT THIS WAS SERIOUS GROUND WHICH COULD POSSIBLY CONSTITUTE BREACH OF THE TERRORISM ACT. HE NOTED THAT SIMILAR ACTION WITHIN COLORED REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (CRC) HAD, HOWEVER, BEEN TAKEN AND THAT IT HAD BROUGHT POLITICAL ACTIVITY WITHIN THAT GROUP TO A STANDSTILL.

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